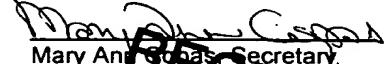




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**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
DATED 05/17/2002**

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 05/17/2002 for the above-identified application, the following is provided.

Page 2 of the Notice states:

"The amendments filed on 1/28/02, 2/08/02 and 4/29/02 are considered non-

compliant because it has not been submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121:

1. The claims do not have a parenthetical expression following the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added (e.g., "amended", "twice amended," or "new")."

In order to comply with item 1., the preliminary and supplemental amendments filed on 1/28/01, 3/08/02 and 4/29/02 have been modified in the body of each amendment to reflect "amended", "twice amended", "new", etc., as required by 37 CFR 1.121. A copy of each of the modified preliminary and supplemental amendments is enclosed with appropriate signatures and may be used to replace the previously submitted copies.

Page 2 of the Notice also states:

"2. At least the amendment filed 4/29/02 does not include a marked-up copy showing all the changes relative to the previous version of the claims. It is noted that at least the change of "imido" to "-NH-" in claim 61 is not marked-up."

In order to correct this, the supplemental preliminary amendment filed 4/29/02 has been modified in the section "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE". In claim 61, the term "imido" is shown as deleted [ ] where appropriate and the term -NH- has been underlined where appropriate to indicate that it was added in this amendment. Brackets were removed from C<sub>3</sub> and underlining inserted. Brackets were added to C<sub>2</sub> and underlining removed.

With these modifications to the preliminary and supplemental amendments,

Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in condition for allowance and action to that end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Enclosure 2:** Modified Version of PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT filed March 8, 2002

**Enclosure 3:** Modified Version of SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY  
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 47, 49, 50 and 61 now read as follows:

47. (Amended four times) A method of cleaning an article with an active liquid cleaning composition, including the step of:

bringing into contact with an article a liquid cleaning composition